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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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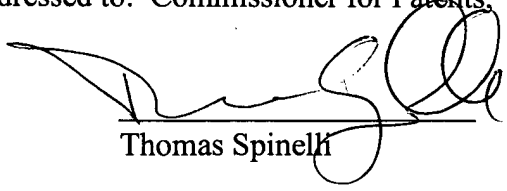
Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement and species election imposed in the Official Action dated August 15, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-29) and Species (2), i.e., Claims 3, 6, 7, 15, and 16, along with generic claims 1, 12, 13, and 21-25 for continued prosecution herein.

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